



SOUTHEASTERN DX CLUB W4NT

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PREMIER
DX CLUB*

January 2003

**Next meeting: January 21st, 7:30 PM
at the Fuqua Heart Center Classroom
at Piedmont Hospital.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

-Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.

The NEW YEAR has arrived! Questions regarding North Korea in both the real world and the DX world abound. The sad thing is what the North Korean people will/may have to endure as victims of their government. We wish the best for them in the New Year.

I hope everyone had a great NEW YEAR. Always nice to see what DX is on the air this day. Seems to be a "special" day when conversing with DX on New Years Day.

Now is the time to set one's goals. Maybe get on the air more, perhaps go to more SEDXC meetings this year or participate in more contests. I always try to do something new in ham radio each year. One year it was RTTY. Last year it was PSK31. We are seeing more DX on the Digital Modes. Maybe you will go to Dayton after not being there for many years. The point is there are many ways we can improve ourselves both at home and with our hobbies.

Those of you who are fortunate to be retired know how important it is to have multiple interests and hobbies. Hopefully you are passionate about these and they provide you with entertainment and fulfillment. Hobbies are also important to us in the working class. We need activities, as such, to take our minds off of the office, deadlines, and the usual daily stresses. What a better hobby than Ham Radio, particularly DX'ing, to provide this fulfillment! Enough "waxing philosophical", this early morning, New Year's Day. Today is a good time to examine our goals and ourselves and see what we are doing in this world.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2002

As mentioned in the last newsletter and now on the revised SEDXC Web site, in lieu of the December meeting there was a SEDXC Club Christmas party. Ken and Trish Byers hosted the party this year. What a fabulous party! Ken also generously "donated" this party to the Club, leaving much-needed Club funds to help us support the up and coming Dxpeditions. Thanks K4TEA!

PROGRAM FOR JANUARY:

Wes will be providing the details of the program for the December program in his column. At the October meeting we watched the video on the South Georgia Dxpedition. The November program was on the "Raising of the Kirsk". Both were excellent programs.

Those of you who were unable to attend these programs sure missed two very interesting presentations. We look forward to a new set of programs for 2003. If you think you can contribute either by giving a program or have some ideas about a specific program, let Wes know. Any idea is welcome! (Remember your NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS).

SEDXC WEBSITE:

We have changed servers and now have access to the website. There were several months where we could not make any changes. Now the web page can once again serve as a "vehicle" for communications in the New Year. If there is any interest in providing content for the web page let me know. We want the web site to be beneficial to all of the members as well as the ham community interested in DX.

Check out the membership roster listed on the web page. If you are not listed, or if there is an error, please let me know so changes can be made.

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NEWSLETTER DETAILS:

As of the end of last year, this Newsletter will be sent only by direct email to the members who have paid their dues for the 2002-2003 year. A notice will be sent via the reflector to be sure that everyone, who is "paid up", actually gets the newsletter. If you know someone who has paid their dues but did not receive the newsletter please let me know so we can correct our records and get the newsletter sent out. Sorry for the problems in the past in getting the newsletter to you.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION #1: Let's all try to encourage inactive or past SEDXC members to become ACTIVE members. The lifeblood of the organization is in its members. We all enjoy meeting new hams and learning about their experiences with ham radio. We all have a different story to tell and have a different set of experiences and interests. Let's think about expanding our membership.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION #2: Let's encourage hams both experienced and inexperienced in DX'ing to become members. Many of us had contacts within the Club who helped nurture us in the area of DX and encouraged us to join.

NEXT MEETING DETAILS:

The January 21, 2002 meeting will be held at the usual QTH, the Heart Center Classroom of the Fuqua Heart Center (Piedmont Hospital) at 1930. There is free parking. Check the SEDXC website for directions and instructions. Details for the free parking are outlined there also. This QTH is really not that hard to find and get to.

We will meet at Panera Bread just North of the hospital around 1800 for a good dinner with Club members then go to the meeting QTH around 1915.

Check out the web site. You can find it at: www.sedxc.org. Send any ideas to sedxc@kauten.com.

Send email to w4te@arrl.net if you have any new business to present for the January meeting.

GUD DX and HAPPY NEW YEAR! Hope to see you at the meetings in 2003.

73,

Jim Kauten, MD, W4TE, Pres.

FROM THE VP

-Wes Lamboley, W3WL, VP

No report this month.

Best

Wes - W3WL

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

MINUTES FOR November 19th

-Dale Nordin, K4HGG, Sec.

The December meeting was a Christmas Party held on Sunday December 8th at Ken Byers - K4TEA's lovely QTH. It was attended by many members and their XYLS and friends.

Dale - K4HGG / SM1WRI
Secretary SEDXC

(Note: Dale and his wife Lilian were in an accident earlier this month and we wish them the best and hope they recover soon.

-ed, N4XMX)

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Harry Saunders, W4KJ, Tres.

Here is the Treasurer's Report for the month of January. There was no change from December.

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| SEDXC Treasury | \$2466.61 |
| Packet Fund | \$590.15 |
| Total Balance | \$3056.76 |

Harry Saunders, W4KJ Treasurer

ACTIVITIES

-John Tramontanis, N4TOL

Announcing the 2002 SEDXC "Contest Competition"

In conjunction with the 2002 CQ Worldwide DX Contest on October 26-27 phone and November 23-24 CW the SEDXC will be having its own internal club competition.

The club will be presenting 3 awards for each weekend of the contest.

Awards will be given to the SEDXC single operator member with the:

- 1) Highest overall score
- 2) Highest overall score – low power, 100 watts or less
- 3) Most countries worked

For the highest score entries, please provide your CQWW summary sheet. For most countries worked, please provide your country count and list of countries.

All entrants and scores will be recognized in the club newsletter, and awards will be presented at a subsequent club meeting.

Please submit your scores to me at john.tramontanis@cox.com or iam4rb@aol.com.

This contest is designed to be a fun competition among the club members, as well as aimed in generating increased participation in CQWW. Please remember that when submitting your scores to CQWW, that the SEDXC has an agreement with the Southeast Contesting Club in which our club members designate the Southeast Contesting Club under the Club section in their contest submission.

Phone scores are due by December 1, 2002.

CW scores are due by January 15, 2003.

Please contact me with any questions.

Good luck and see you in the pileups.

TNX es 73 – John N4TOL
SEDXC - Activities Chairman

DX TIDBITS

-Rick Glisson, N4XMX

Originally this article did not have room but since one of the other articles came in late, I added another page and now there's lots of room! I hope everybody had a great holiday season and happy new year. I am sorry I missed the party but my company decided to have its sales meeting that whole day so I was stuck. Fortunately, next year it will be back in January.

An update on the N4XMX packet cluster. I have had to reduce power on the 2M radios to solve an RFI problem with my neighbor. We are both working on it and have some ideas. He has been very good natured about it and has suffered for awhile before he even mentioned it. I think he has an unterminated cable coming off a splitter which allows the 2M sigs to get to his TV. I don't have any problem so there will be a solution. I have been monitoring the connections and everyone including ARCDX seems to be OK. More news when available. Also, please note Ernie's, KS4Q, new IP telnet address. It is listed on the back page.

I am also changing my main ISP. I had just gotten DirectTV DSL running when two weeks later they announced they were closing up. Covad was next but they were stopped by Bellsouth telling them no DSL access (but Bellsouth would gladly give me DSL themselves...). Now in line for Earthlink with a static IP address. We'll see. Also anything to get off cable. They are down way too much. My email will remain the same, it is a different ISP I keep while I'm messing around with the fast stuff.

I have been working on 30M DXCC big time lately. Worked over 100 now and all the cards are out. Last couple of days have been great, sometimes two or three new one a night! Good hauls lately have been JA, PZ, ZS, ZL7, CY0, and a lot of Europe. Using an 80M horizontal loop with tuner and 200W. Sometimes EU comes through like real 599. Band isn't very crowded either. Most of the recent DXpeditions have been on 30M and that has increased the number quite a bit. Hopefully I'll have the 100 cards needed for 30M DXCC by this summer so Bill, N4NX, can check them as my submission for 2003. My 250+ cards sent in October are still at ARRL behind the Sept 30th backlog. Oh well, just remember to have fun!

CU in the pileups...

-73 Rick, N4XMX

PICTURES FROM THE XMAS PARTY
-Jim, W4TE



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DX PACKET FREQ.

N4XMX (2400) 144.91 (direct or GNTNOD),
(2400) 145.65 (direct or ARCDX)

KS4Q (2400) 145.01 MHz; 'c saw3'
(2400) 144.97 MHz; 'c saw4'
(1200) 145.63 MHz; 'c saw5'

Once you get a connect on any of the three above frequencies, enter 'c saw1'. Once you get a connect to saw1, enter 'c ks4q' or simply 'dx'.
or telnet 66.23.195.102

NI4X (9600) 144.93, 145.71, 440.75
K4UGA (Athens)(2400) 145.67 (SE Megaclst)
(telnet 128.192.52.40 599, must put in port 599)

DX COMMUNICATION FREQ.

Simplex 147.54

K4JPD Repeater (tone 85.4 Hz)
147.195+

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